

KELLAN LANGFIELD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kellan Langfield for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kellan Langfield is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kellan Langfield is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kellan Langfield for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL REPORT LANGUAGE—ICE JAMS

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my report language that was included in the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill to prevent and mitigate flood damage associated with ice jams. I'd like to thank Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN and Ranking Member LOWEY, as well as Chairman SIMPSON, Ranking Member KAPTUR, and the entire subcommittee for their work on this bill.

I offer a special thank you to the Energy and Water subcommittee staff for working with me to include this necessary language to encourage the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to pursue projects to prevent and mitigate flood damage associated with ice jams in regions comprised of cities whose historic flooding has been caused predominantly by winter snowmelt and ice floes.

Every year, flooding that results from the piling up of frozen ice in rivers across the United States costs our economy millions of dollars. When free-floating ice catches on obstructions, such as bridge pilings, rocks, or logs, flooding can result upstream from the blockage and, again, downstream when the ice finally releases.

During my time in the New York State Assembly, I can remember hearing horrible stories from my colleagues in upstate New York and wondering what more could be done to prepare for these events.

In my home state of New York, the Mohawk River Basin is particularly susceptible to flooding associated with ice jams. I am pleased that the bill encourages the Army Corps to pursue projects and technologies to mitigate the damage caused by flooding associated

with ice jams in areas, like the Mohawk River Basin, that truly need this support.

I appreciate the time today to highlight this problem, and I thank my colleagues for their support on this issue.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUNG, OAKES, BROWN, & COMPANY, P.C.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C.

Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. is the oldest professional firm in Blair County and one of the largest independently owned accounting and consulting firms based in Central Pennsylvania. Founded in Altoona, Pennsylvania in 1917, the firm has grown to employ 30 individuals that maintain the company's reputation of Excellency in the accounting, tax preparation, and auditing profession. Throughout their 100 years, Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. has continuously been an active community partner supporting charities, service and fraternal clubs and contributing to the 9th District of Pennsylvania.

Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C.'s current stakeholders are an outstanding example of integrity and professionalism in the workforce, and I know their founder, Robert E. Young, would be proud of the legacy they have continued.

I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Young, Oakes, Brown, & Company, P.C. on this historic milestone, and wishing this business nothing but continued success.

MALACHI LAWSON**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Malachi Lawson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Malachi Lawson is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Malachi Lawson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Malachi Lawson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI MARINE CORPORAL (CPL.) CLIFTON BLAKE MOUNCE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Corporal (Cpl.) Clifton Blake Mounce, who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on July 14, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Cpl. Mounce was killed when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while he was conducting combat operations near Trebil, Iraq. Cpl. Christopher D. Winchester was also killed.

Cpl. Mounce was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Cpl. Mounce, a Pontotoc native, graduated from North Pontotoc High School in 2000. His mother, Pat Mounce, says Blake loved playing football and baseball. In 2001 Blake enlisted in the United States Marine Corps following the terror attacks on 9/11. Pat says he joined because he wanted to protect his three younger brothers; Shea, Winston, and Nate.

"I'm real proud," Pat said. "He said he had to go over there and fight or the enemy will be on our soil. I supported him 100 percent."

Additionally, Pat says her son was close to the end of his four years in the Marine Corps when he was deployed.

An estimated 300 people came to the funeral which was held at West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc. Cpl. Mounce's father, Johnny Mounce, read letters to the crowd that he received from his son shortly before his death. In the second letter read, Cpl. Mounce addressed each family member with a special message.

Following the service, hundreds of cars were in the funeral procession. Residents lined the streets of Ecru waving American flags as some 200 cars drove by.

The American flag was presented to Cpl. Mounce's wife, Tiffany, during the graveside service at Ecru Cemetery. Cpl. Mounce's family was given the Purple Heart medal.

Cpl. Mounce is survived by his parents Johnny and Pat Mounce; wife Tiffany; brothers Shea, Winston, and Nate; and grandparents Flake and Dorothy Mounce.

In 2013, the Blake Mounce Memorial Run for the Park 5K was started in Ecru in memory of this brave soldier who gave all to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. We will always remember Cpl. Mounce's sacrifice to protect our nation.

RECOGNIZING TRINIDAD BENHAM CORPORATION ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trinidad Benham Corporation on their 100th Anniversary. This is truly a remarkable milestone which has been reached through